

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## ADVENTURE THEATER CELEBRATES 45TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize an impressive achievement of by a volunteer arts organization in my district. This year marks the 45th anniversary of the nationally recognized children's theater company, Adventure Theater. Located in the national park in Glen Echo, MD, this company of actors, directors, artists, and teachers have been providing wholesome and innovative entertainment for 45 years to the children of the Metropolitan Washington area.

Within view of the C&O Canal in Montgomery County, MD, the historic national park at Glen Echo has been the home of artists, dancers, puppeteers, and actors since its evolution from the days as a popular amusement park built at the Maryland terminus of Washington's trolley line.

Adventure Theater is the Washington, DC, area's oldest children's theater. Since they premiered in 1952, the volunteer group has been dedicated to producing quality children's theater. Through weekend and weekday performances, drama classes, an award-winning touring company, Girl and Boy Scout workshops, seasonal events, volunteer opportunities, and open auditions, Adventure Theater has involved the community in the world of theater.

Adventure Theater was created by a group of women volunteers who recognized the need for live stage productions for children. Although today many children now have the advantage of exposure to theater and performances in schools and auditoriums, little was available for young audiences in the early 1950's.

Working with determination, a few pioneers from Montgomery County built a company from humble beginnings. The first season was performed on a borrowed stage with scenery painted in one actor's basement and with costumes sewn by another actor.

Audiences soon grew and Adventure Theater began to perform on stages, in schools, and community centers throughout the Greater Washington area. Drama classes were added and a touring company, the In-School Players, was formed to bring original productions in the Washington area school systems.

In 1971, they found a permanent home at Glen Echo Park, and they have continued to perform in their theater in the old Penny Arcade Building in cooperation with the National Park Service. The company's repertoire explores different theatrical genres, from puppetry to storytelling to full-scale musicals. There is something for everyone, and for all ages. Offerings for very young theater-goers are especially well received—for children ages 4 and up.

Adventure Theater supplies interpretive services for the visually and hearing impaired

persons. They also have established several outreach programs to provide live theater for people who might not be able to attend because of transportation or other difficulties. The company offers scholarships to deserving children wishing to attend theater classes; and tickets are donated to school auctions, shelters, and community benefits. In addition, Adventure Theater will lend costumes, props, and set pieces of local schools, theater groups, and community organizations.

As Adventure Theater enters its 46th season, the residents of Montgomery County are proud of their history as a part of the Washington cultural scene. Parents who attended their shows as children now eagerly bring their own children, and grandchildren to Adventure Theatre—hoping to instill the same enjoyment of the art in their own families. The long relationship with the community by Adventure Theater is a testament to the support for the arts by the people of Montgomery County.

## CHERYL COOK-KALLIO: FREMONT TEACHER BECOMES STUDENT AGAIN

### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cheryl Cook-Kallio, teacher of social studies at Hopkins Junior High School in Fremont, CA. A public educator for over 17 years, Ms. Cook-Kallio has been awarded a James Madison Fellowship by the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation of Washington, DC.

Ms. Cook-Kallio is one of 61 recipients of this highly distinguished fellowship to support the continued study of American history and the Constitution by teachers of American history, American Government, and social studies. She will be awarded up to \$24,000 to be used toward her master's degree.

Next summer Ms. Cook-Kallio, along with the other fellowship recipients, will attend a 6-week course at Georgetown University to study the Constitution in the National Archives. Her lifelong dream has been to intensively study the Constitution, and through this fellowship, that dream will be recognized.

Ms. Cook-Kallio is an annual visitor to Washington, as she accompanies her eighth grade American Government class on their end-of-the-year trip to our Nation's capital each year. Ms. Cook-Kallio is a graduate of Hopkins Junior High School herself, who went on to study at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, and received her teaching certificate at San Jose State University. She began her career in education at Hopkins in 1979, where she has been teaching ever since.

Competition for this fellowship is fierce, drawing applicants from all 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Nation's islands and trust ter-

ritories. Ms. Cook-Kallio deserves much praise for her accomplishment, as the award is intended to recognize the most distinguished of teachers.

It is important for us to understand that learning is a lifelong process, that knowledge and exploration are the roots of creativity. We congratulate Cheryl Cook-Kallio and wish her the best of luck on furthering her education and on continuing to share her knowledge of the workings of our government with the students of Hopkins Junior High.

## TRIBUTE TO THE MOST REV. FRANCISCO GARMENDIA, D.D.

### HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Bishop Francisco Garmendia, who will be honored on June 7 for his 50 years of service to the Catholic Church and for the spiritual leadership he continues to provide the Hispanic community in my congressional district, the South Bronx.

As the first Hispanic bishop in the Archdiocese of New York, Bishop Garmendia is truly an example of excellence in leadership. But ask any one of his parishioners and he will certainly tell you that our own "good shepherd" not only leads his flock but sacrifices and cares for it as well.

Born in Lazzano, Spain, Bishop Garmendia was truly raised in the faith. After attending a private school run by the Benedictine Fathers there, Bishop Garmendia entered the seminary in 1935 and, in 1947, was ordained a priest. Almost as soon as he finished saying his first mass his journey of service began, one that would take him across the globe to touch the lives of many. After studying in England he was transferred to Salta, Argentina, where he taught English and chemistry in the Colegio Belgrano of Salta. When not teaching, Bishop Garmendia would give up his weekends to minister to the native community.

Bishop Garmendia's understanding of people and his experience with diversity cleared the way for his mission in New York. Since his transfer in 1964, Bishop Garmendia has earned not only the trust and respect of the Church—he was consecrated bishop by Cardinal Cooke in 1977—but also the love and support of the Hispanic community. Over the years, Bishop Garmendia has worked tirelessly to spread God's Word not just from the pulpit but on radio and television as well.

We also recognize Bishop Garmendia for his tremendous social work and his struggles to provide services for those in need. Among his many accomplishments, Bishop Garmendia instituted the Spanish Orientation Center and sponsored the establishment of The Resource Center for Community Development, Inc., better known as The Hope Line, a free service which provides thousands of immigrants with legal, material, and spiritual assistance. Although he has been threatened by

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